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Obama Administration Announces Additional \$31,983,500 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Nevada

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

WASHINGTON - Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$31,983,500 for state, county and city efforts in Nevada. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$71,995,937 in Nevada weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12th and detailed at <u>energy.gov/recovery</u>.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

"The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America's economy and create jobs at the local level," said Secretary Chu. "The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation's long term clean energy and climate goals."

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

NV	Nevada Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations	All	\$31,983,500
NV	Nevada	State Energy Office	\$9,593,500
NV	Boulder City	City	\$61,600
NV	Carson City	City	\$538,900
NV	Elko	City	\$76,500
NV	Fernley	City	\$52,000
NV	Henderson	City	\$2,237,000
NV	Las Vegas	City	\$5,449,200
NV	Mesquite	City	\$69,900
NV	North Las Vegas	City	\$1,907,400
NV	Reno	City	\$2,142,800
NV	Sparks	City	\$840,000
NV	Churchill	County	\$104,900
NV	Clark	County	\$7,663,500
NV	Douglas	County	\$195,000
NV	Elko	County	\$123,600
NV	Humboldt	County	\$75,600
NV	Lyon	County	\$165,200
NV	Nye	County	\$185,700
NV	Pershing	County	\$50,000
NV	Washoe	County	\$401,200
NV	White Pine	County	\$50,000

In addition, today's announcement includes funding for the following Tribal governments in the state:

	Name	Allocation
NV	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe of the Duckwater Reservation, Nevada	\$25,000

NV	Ely Shoshone Tribe of Nevada	\$25,000
NV	Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians of the Las Vegas Indian Colony, Nevada	\$25,000
NV	Lovelock Paiute Tribe of the Lovelock Indian Colony, Nevada	\$25,000
NV	Moapa Band of Paiute Indians of the Moapa River Indian Reservation, Nevada	\$25,000
NV	Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony, Nevada	\$38,000
NV	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation, Nevada	\$58,400
NV	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Nevada	\$44,400
NV	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, Nevada	\$47,400
NV	Summit Lake Paiute Tribe of Nevada	\$25,000
NV	Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (Four constituent bands: Battle Mountain Band; Elko Band; South Fork Band and Wells Band)	\$44,300
NV	Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation, Nevada	\$36,800
NV	Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada	\$25,000
NV	Yerington Paiute Tribe of the Yerington Colony & Campbell Ranch, Nevada	\$26,200
NV	Yomba Shoshone Tribe of the Yomba Reservation, Nevada	\$25,000
NV/CA	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California and Nevada	\$32,200
NV/CA	Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California (Carson Colony, Dresslerville Colony, Woodfords Community, Stewart Community, & Washoe Ranches)	\$111,800
NV/OR	Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, Nevada and Oregon	\$25,800
NV/UT	Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Nevada and Utah	\$25,000

(NOTE: If a Tribal government spans more than one state, the number above reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.)

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm.